

# South Dakota's Juvenile Justice System

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# South Dakota: Pre-Reform

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Highest Commitment Rate for Juveniles in Nation
- Lack of Community Resources—Particularly Rural Areas
- Number of Juveniles on Probation Experienced Decade Long Decline
- Risk Levels for Juveniles on Probation was Decreasing
- Length of Stays on Probation Increased Over Same Period
- 45% of Juveniles Returned to Custody Within 3 years of Release
- 7 out of 10 Commitments were for Probation Violations, Misdemeanor or Child in Need of Supervision (CHINS) Cases

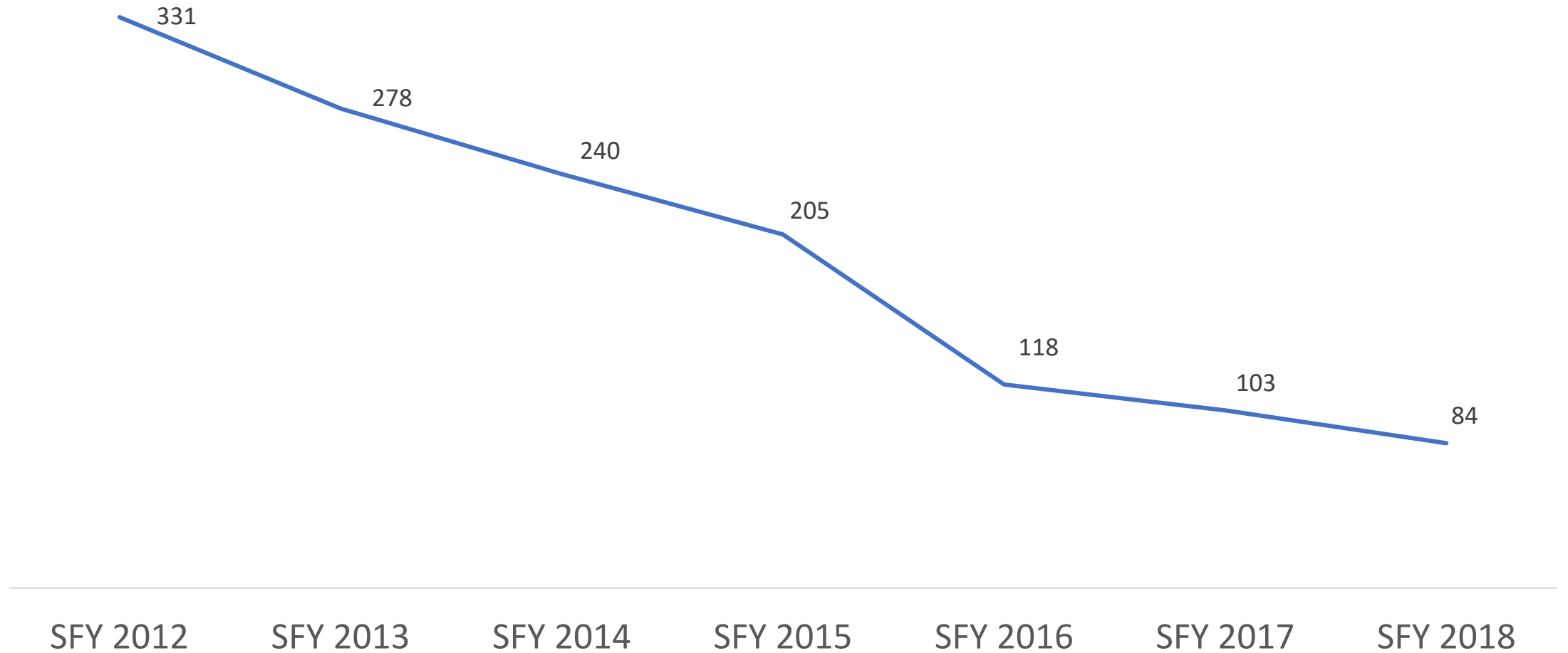
# Policy Changes—Targeting Risks

- Mandatory Diversion
- Juvenile Citation Process
- Referral Process for Expanded Services Driven by Risks/Needs Assessment
  - YLS/CMI-Youth Level of Service/Case Management Inventory
  - Gains-Substance abuse screening tools
- Narrowed Commitment Criteria for Dep't of Corrections

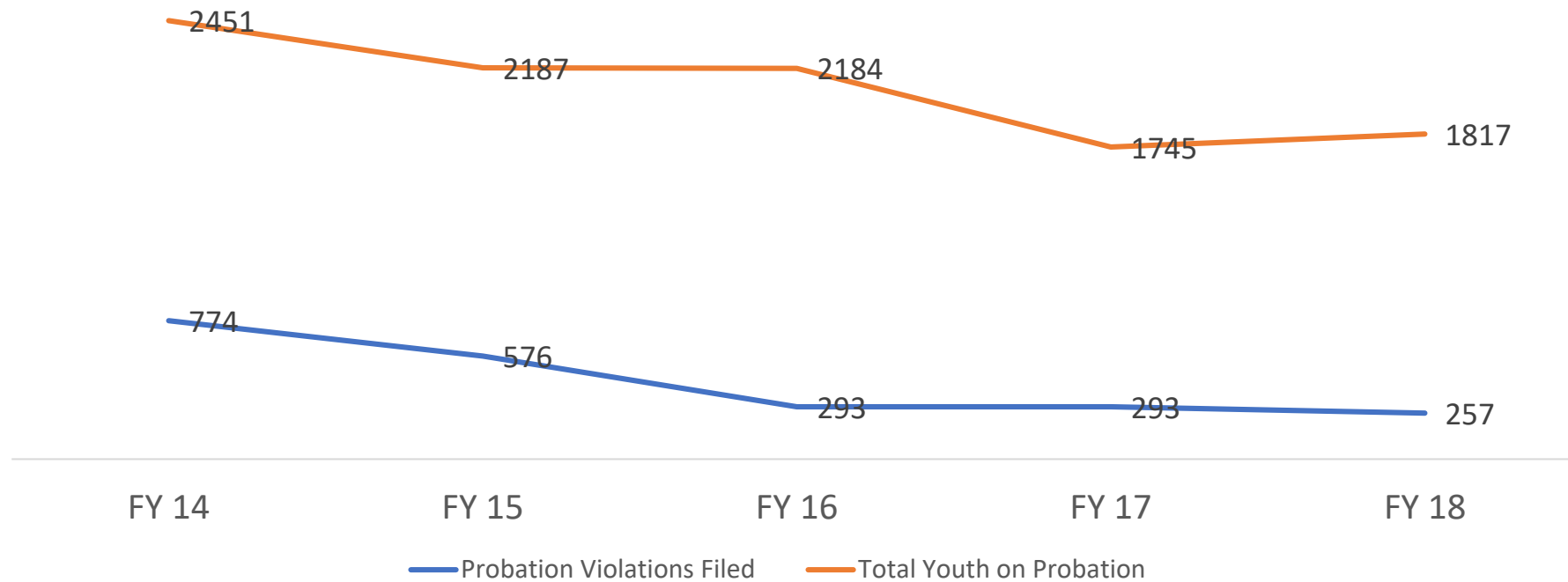
# Policy Changes—Targeting Need

- Expand Community Based Interventions:
  - Largest Investment in State History in Evidence Based Treatment Options for Juveniles
  - Family Functional Therapy, Aggression Replacement Training, and Moral Reconation Therapy
- Community Response Teams
- Defined Probation Terms
- Limits on Criteria to Extend Probation
  - Evidence-based treatment
  - Not to collect restitution
- Native American Focus Group
- Graduated Response Grids

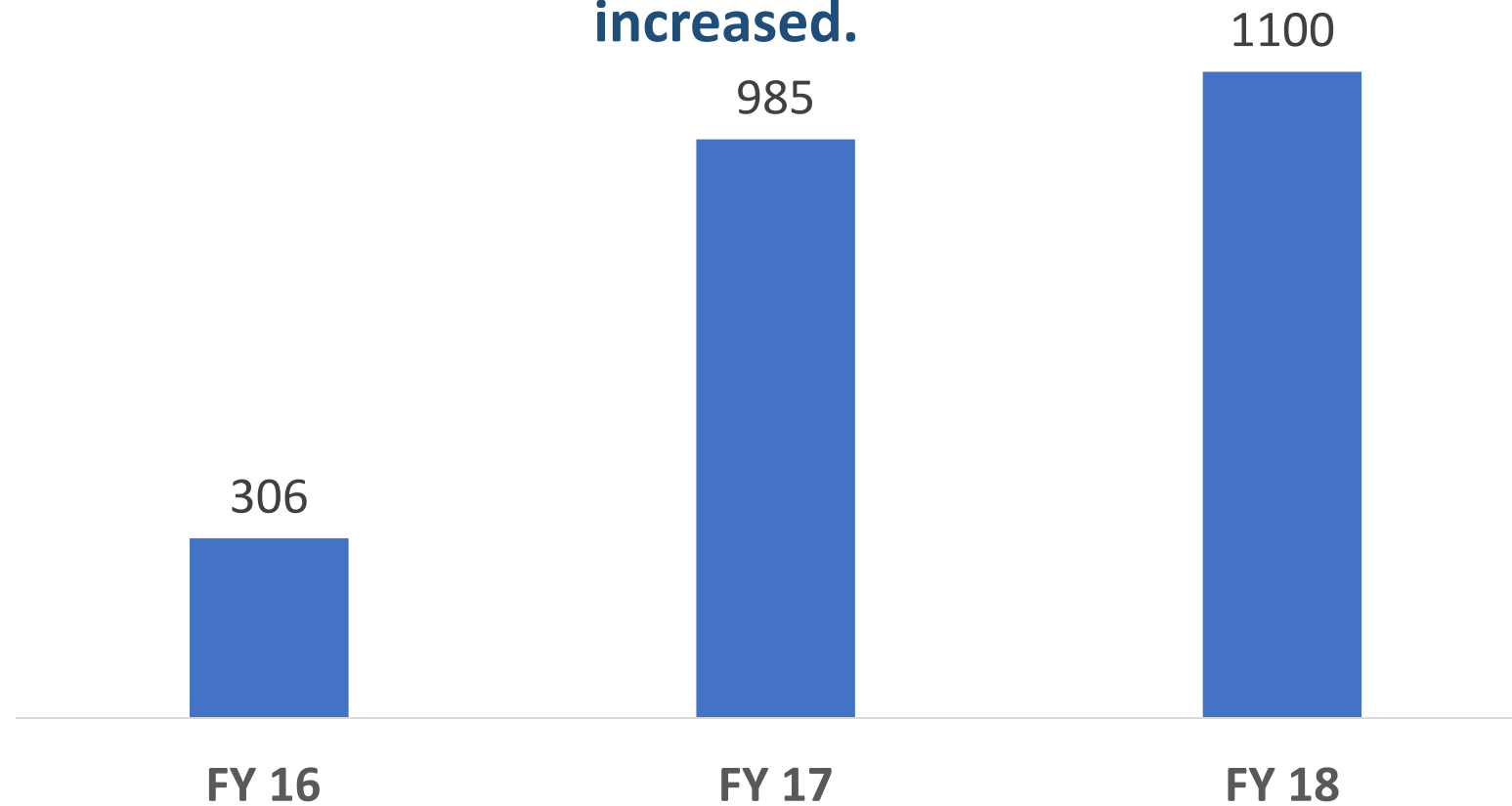
# New Commitments to DOC



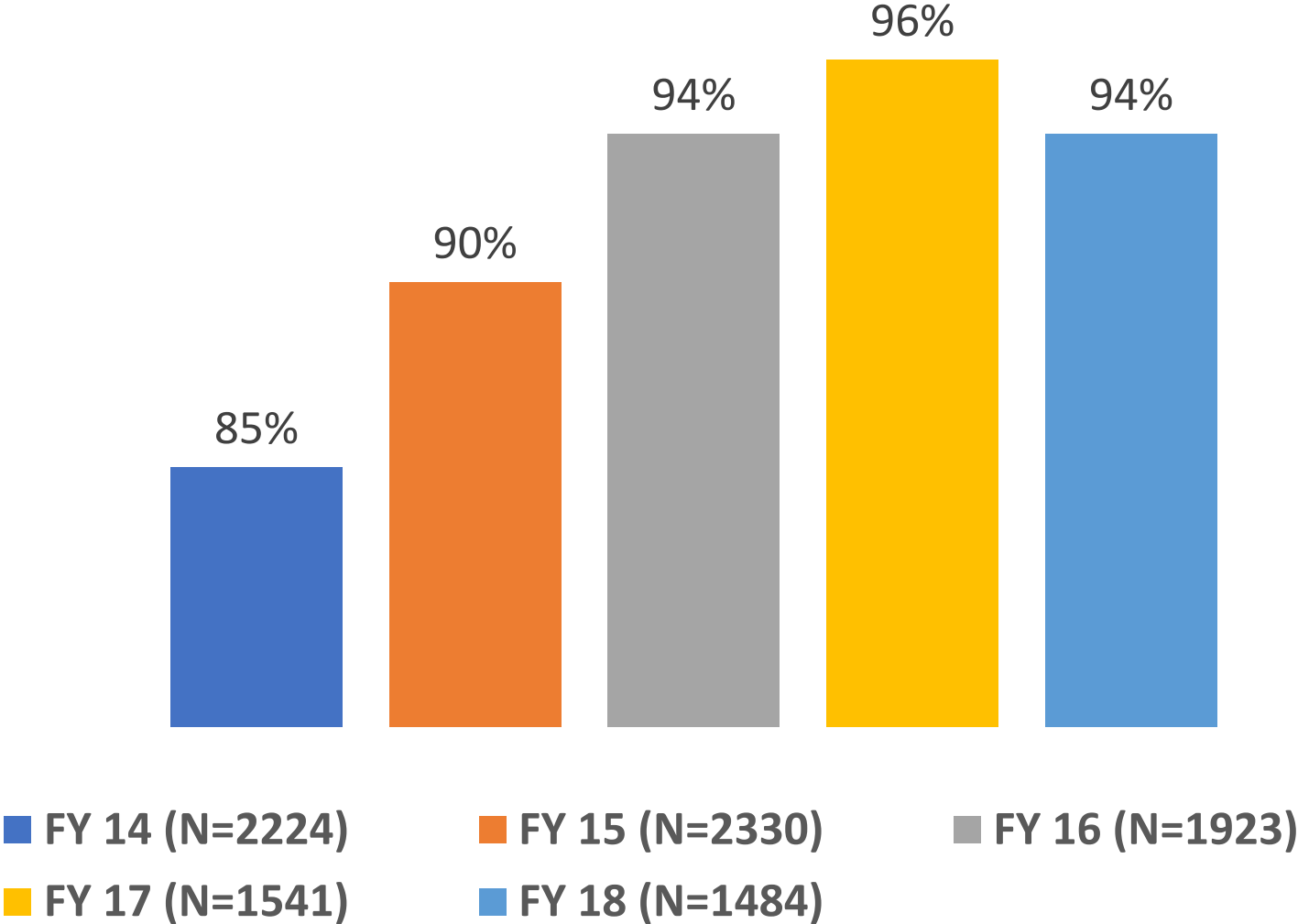
# Probation Violation Outcomes



**The number of referrals to services has increased.**



**South Dakota's percentage of juveniles  
successfully completing probation has increased  
since the reforms went into effect.**





# Financial Impact to Counties

- 90 day limit on county detention beds – if order more than 14 days required specific findings on the record by the court.
- County Detention Reimbursement Fund-
  - Annual appropriation until the end of 2019 to offset increased use of county detention beds for juveniles
  - Calendar year 2017 \$150,013 reimbursed to 15 counties
- Annual incentive to counties to support juvenile diversion programs
  - County receives \$250 per child that receives a diversion program
  - States Attorney submit documentation to DOC for reimbursement
  - \$250,000 distributed to 26 counties in FY 2017